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Responsive to the Office action dated December 18, 2001, Applicants
respectfully submit the following Amendment in connection with the above-identified
application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter
thereof.

Please amend the claims as indicated below: